DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

TELEPHONE

DATE: June 29, 1954
(7 p.m.)

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SUBJECT:

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. William Krieg
~~Ambassador John Peurifoy~~, Guatemala
Assistant Secretary Holland

COPIES TO: The Secretary
General Smith
Mr. Murphy

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I called Ambassador Peurifoy. He was out at a conference with Colonel Monzon and I spoke to Krieg. I quoted to Krieg the answer we are supposed to have gotten from Castillo Armas.

I asked Krieg to have the Junta advise the Peace Commission, which is in Mexico City tonight, that it should not come on to Guatemala just yet. I told him to transmit this message by cable and by telephone to the Mexican Ambassador in Guatemala, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Mexico and through our Ambassadors and the Ambassador of El Salvador.

I told him that Ambassador Tello of Mexico had called me here and said that the Mexican Ambassador in Guatemala was concerned about his safety and that of the rest of the diplomatic corps. I asked that the Embassy get in touch with the Mexican Ambassador and cooperate with him in dispelling his fears.

I referred to a cable which it is reported has been received here and which recommends that, if possible, word be gotten to Castillo Armas asking that he come directly to Guatemala City. I asked if this cable represented the views of Ambassador Peurifoy. Krieg said that, to the best of his knowledge, they did not, as he thought that Ambassador Peurifoy is still expecting the meeting to take place in El Salvador. He said that, as soon as the Ambassador returns from his conference with Monzon, he will try to locate the cable and have Peurifoy call me.

I reported to Krieg, for transmittal to Peurifoy, regarding our appearance before the Council of the OAS this afternoon.

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